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LETTER DATED 9 MAY 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that, during the period from 21 to 30 April 1994, United States aircraft continued to violate Iraqi national airspace for the purpose of observation and provocation.

21 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 27 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 78 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah, Busayyah, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih and Artawi.

22 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 2 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Zakho, Irbil and Aqrah.

(b) Southern region: 60 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Busayyah, Jalibah, Artawi, Shatrah and Salman.

23 April 1994

Southern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Samawah, Artawi, Nasiriyah, Salman, Qal'at Salih, Jabayish and Busayyah.

24 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 17 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 34 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Qurnah, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

- At 1642 hours on 24 April 1994, a hostile two-aircraft formation broke the sound barrier over the town of Nasiriyah.

25 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 26 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Zakho, Dohuk, Amadiyah, Tall Afar and Ayn Zalah.

(b) Southern region: 2 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Jalibah, Jabayish and Artawi.

26 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 23 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Mosul, Irbil, Dohuk, Zakho, Tall Afar and Amadiyah.

(b) Southern region: 32 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Basra, Artawi, Qal'at Salih, Jalibah and Busayyah.

27 April 1994

Southern region: 75 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Nasiriyah, Samawah, Jalibah and Busayyah.

- At 0904 hours on 27 April 1994, a United States TR-1 reconnaissance aircraft violated Iraqi airspace, flying at a speed of 600 km/h and at an altitude of 20,000 m over Samawah, Nasiriyah, the area south of Najaf, Qal'at Salih, Amarah and Basra. It departed at 1257 hours, heading in the direction of Kuwaiti airspace.

28 April 1994

(a) Northern region: 6 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Zakho, Dohuk, Aqrah, Rawandiz, Irbil, Amadiyah, Shaqlawah and Shirwan.

(b) Southern region: 58 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Basra, Qurnah, Qal'at Salih, Salman, Shatrah, Samawah, Nasiriyah, Busayyah, Jalibah and Artawi.

- At 1145 hours on 28 April 1994, a remote-controlled aircraft landed in the village of Birmanjah east of Mosul.

- At 1320 hours on 28 April 1994, aggressor aircraft dropped hostile leaflets on Ta'mim Governorate.

29 April 1994

Southern region: 28 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Salman, Artawi, Jalibah, Qurnah, Busayyah and Basra.

30 April 1994

Southern region: 38 sorties, flown at speeds of 600-900 km/h and at medium altitude, centred on Nasiriyah, Samawah, Qurnah, Amarah, Qal'at Salih, Basra, Jalibah, Busayyah and Basra.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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